APPENDIX

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferentially, the state of use is in the form of a service usage profile (or SUP). Such an SUP can consist of a set of a data or an invariant base line, consisting of primary data which identify and ~~characterise~~ characterize the use with a client or group of clients is actually making of the network, and more precisely at least one of its services or SLAs. These SUPs (or usage profiles) can be obtained by means of an analysis (for example a statistical or correlation analysis) of the measurements which have just been made in the network, as well as possibly older measurements and/or old SUPs (historical) in order to take into account, for example, the change in usage and/or the invariance of a profile. These old measurements, just like the user profiles (or SUPs) determined by the extraction module 7, are preferably stored in a second part 8 of the database 4, in correspondence with a time marking and the corresponding client or clients.